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SUBJECT: MEETING OF TRADE UNIONISTS AT HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR FRONTIER

1. THE CHRISTIAN ORIENTED CGT LABOR CONFEREDATION HAS AGREED TO A SYMBOLIC FRONTIER MEETING WITH UNIONISTS FROM EL SALVADOR ON FEBRUARY 9. CGT PRESIDENT JULIAN LAGOS TOLD LABOFF FEBRUARY 6 THAT UNIONISTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES HAD MET IN EL SALVADOR FEBRUARY 1 TO FINALIZE A JOINT STATEMENT COMMENTING THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE SISTER REPUBLIC, HAVE NO QUARREL AND URGING BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO QUICKLY SETTLE THEIR DISPUTE.

2. LAGOS SAID THAT GROUPS FROM EACH COUNTRY WILL MEET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BRIDGE ON THE BORDER AT AMATILLO TO ISSUE THE STATEMENT. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE CGT HAD PREPARED THE MEETING OTHER "POPULAR" ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE REPRESENTED. HE ALSO CALLED VICTOR ARTILES TO INVITE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CTH (DEMOCRATIC CONFEDERATION). LAGOS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE ACT WAS SYMBOLIC THE CGT EXPECTED MOVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND IF NO
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PROGRESS WAS EVIDENT THEY WOULD CONSIDER FURTHER STEPS

OF POPULAR PRESSURE.

3. SECGEN VICTOR ARTILES TOLD LABOFF ON FEBRUARY 6 THAT THE CTH HAD NO INTENTION OF COOPERATING WITH THE CGT. THE CTH, HE SAID, HAD ISSUED SEVERAL PROCLAMATIONS SUPPORTING THE GOH IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS STANCE AND CONTINUES THAT SUPPORT. IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN PRESSURING THE GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE CGT HAS MANY MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH ITS UNC CAMPESINO AFFILIATE, IT HAS VIRTUALLY NO INFLUENCE AT THE GOH POLICY LEVEL. ALTHOUGH THE SYMBOLIC MEETING MAY HELP PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR AN AGREEMENT IT WILL CERTAINLY FAIL IN ITS GOAL OF PRESSURING THE GOH TOWARD SETTLEMENT.
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